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**DRAWING AMENDMENTS**

1. On sheet four of the drawings, please delete the delete the entire sheet. Sheet four of the drawings may be readily identified as having a number "300" at the top of the sheet.

5 Furthermore, sheet four begins with a step "310" of "Providing an upper body assembly".

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner delete sheet four for purposes of examination of the present patent application.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-23 were pending in the above-identified application, namely U.S. Serial No. 10/816,515. Applicant has herein canceled Claims 7-9. Applicant herewith acknowledges a Notice of Incomplete Reply, mailed September 1, 2004, and a Notice to File Corrected Application Papers, mailed June 16, 2004 ("the Notices"). Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to the above-identified application in this Preliminary Amendment obviates the informalities addressed in the Notices, as the informalities have herewith been removed from the application. Applicant asserts that this Preliminary Amendment is not a response to the Notices, and therefore does not require the extension fees cited in the Notices.

**Conclusion**

Applicant submits that the present application is now in condition for examination.

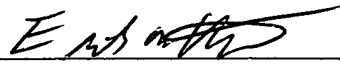
Applicant specifically reserves the right to prosecute claims of differing or broader scope than those presented herein in subsequent correspondence.

Lastly, Applicant notes that any amendments made herein and not substantively discussed above are made solely for the purposes of more clearly and particularly describing and claiming the invention, and not for purposes of overcoming art. The Examiner should infer no (i) adoption of a position with respect to patentability, (ii) change in the Applicant's position with respect to any claim or subject matter of the invention, or (iii) acquiescence in any way to any position taken by the Examiner, based on such amendments or cancellations not substantively discussed.

If the Examiner has further questions or comments regarding this Preliminary Amendment, he is invited to contact the undersigned directly at (619) 743-1551.

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**APPENDIX A**

document therein.

~~FIGURE 3 is a process diagram illustrating an exemplary embodiment of a manufacturing process according to the present invention.~~

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### Detailed Description of the Invention

The apparatus and method of the present invention are now described in terms of exemplary illustrative embodiments, wherein like numerals refer to like parts throughout.

#### *Detailed Description of Exemplary Embodiments*

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As used herein, the term “digital processor” or “microprocessor” is meant generally to include all types of digital processing apparatus including, without limitation, digital signal processors (DSPs), reduced instruction set computers (RISC), general-purpose (CISC) processors, microprocessors, and application-specific integrated circuits (ASICs). Such digital processors may be contained on a single unitary IC die, or distributed across multiple components. Exemplary DSPs include, for example, the Motorola MSC-8101/8102 “DSP farms”, the Texas Instruments TMS320C6x, or Lucent (Agere) DSP16000 series.

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An illustrative exemplary embodiment of the present invention is now described. The document enhancement apparatus generally comprises a body element 100 composed of (i) an upper body assembly 101, (ii) a lower body assembly 103, and (iii) a hinge element 106, connecting the upper and lower assemblies. Generally speaking, a user puts the body element 100 into an open position, and then places a document in between the upper assembly 102 and lower assembly 103, then applies pressure to the upper 102 and/or lower 103 assemblies, thereby putting the apparatus into a closed position, to enhance the document. Enhancement of the document includes, *inter alia*, placing precision die-cuts on a document or precision embossing a document.

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#### *Upper body assembly*

Referring now to FIGURES 1a-c, in the exemplary embodiment of the document enhancement apparatus, the upper body assembly 101 generally comprises an upper body element 102 connected by an upper connector element 114 to an upper plate 110. The upper

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